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| (54) Title: A NEW COMPOSITION (57) Abstract This invention relates to a composition comprising (R)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3- <i>N,N</i> -dicyclobutylamino-3, 4-dihydro-2 <i>H</i> -1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(<i>p</i> -fluorophenyl)-5-phthalanarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, the preparation thereof, pharmaceutical formulations containing said composition, use of and a method of treatment of affective disorders such as mood disorders and anxiety disorders with said composition as well as a kit containing said composition. | | |

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A NEW COMPOSITION

Field of the Invention

5 The present invention relates to a composition which comprises (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyrans in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalanecarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. The present invention
10 also relates to a process for the preparation of the inventive composition, pharmaceutical formulations containing said composition and to the use of said composition either by concomitant administration or by separate administration as an improvement of the treatment of affective disorders such as depression, anxiety, obsessive compulsive disorder (OCD), etc.

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Background of the Invention

Today, it is generally considered that antidepressants take 2-4 weeks to reach full clinical effect. In contrast, the side effects occur immediately. Thus, slow onset of action of
20 antidepressants leads to a vulnerable period for patients in which they experience the side effects, but not the therapeutic effects of drugs. There is often a heavy burden on the treating physician to persuade the patient to continue with the treatment during this period. Furthermore, in suicidal patients, as the onset of action is gradual, initiative may be regained without the experiencing of full reversal of symptoms, leaving a window of risk
25 for suicide and a frequent requirement for hospitalization. An antidepressant with fast onset of action would not only be beneficial due to the faster symptom reduction, but would also be more acceptable to patients and physicians and reduce the need for and duration of hospitalization. The same long period to reach full clinical effect has been shown in the treatment of other affective disorders such as anxiety and OCD.

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Prior art

In WO 96/33710 is disclosed that the compound (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran which has high affinity to 5-HT receptors and antagonizes 5-HT_{1A} mediated responses induces a rapid improvement of depressed patients treated with serotonin reuptake inhibitors.

Summary of the Invention

The present invention is directed to a new composition comprising of the specific 5-HT_{1A} antagonist (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-disubstituted-amino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and the specific 5-HT reuptake inhibitor (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalanarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. Said composition attains a faster onset of action and consequently, provides a more efficacious treatment of the patients suffering from affective disorders, particularly depression.

It has been shown in animal studies that acute administration of selective 5-HT reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) decreases the electrical impulse propagation in 5-HT neurones via a negative feedback reaction probably mediated by collateral 5-HT axons releasing 5-HT in raphé nuclei. By inhibiting the somatodendritic 5-HT_{1A} autoreceptors in the raphé nuclei the selective antagonists counteract the decrease in propagation caused by 5-HT reuptake inhibitors. This indicates that a selective blockade of somatodendritic autoreceptor i.e. 5-HT_{1A} antagonist may have a clinical potential to improve the efficacy of 5-HT reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs) and offer a new rationale for rapid onset of effect in the treatment of affective disorders, for instance the antidepressant actions.

The compound (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof as disclosed herein is described in WO 95/11891, as a selective 5-HT_{1A} receptor antagonist.

- 5 The enantiomer (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile disclosed herein, and which is stated to be a 5-HT reuptake inhibitor is described in US 4,943,590.

The (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran is
10 in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. Both organic and inorganic acids can be employed to form nontoxic pharmaceutically acceptable acid addition salts of the compounds of this invention. Illustrative acids are sulfuric, nitric, phosphoric, oxalic, hydrochloric, formic, hydrobromic, citric, acetic, lactic, tartaric, dibenzoyltartaric, diacetyltartaric, pamoic, ethanedisulfonic, sulfamic, succinic,
15 propionic, glycollic, malic, gluconic, pyruvic, phenylacetic, 4-aminobenzoic, anthranilic, salicylic, 4-aminosalicylic, 4-hydroxybenzoic, 3,4-dihydroxybenzoic, 3,5-dihydroxybenzoic, 3-hydroxy-2-naphthoic, nicotinic, methanesulfonic, ethanesulfonic, hydroxyethanesulfonic, benzenesulfonic, *p*-toluenesulfonic, sulfanilic, naphthalenesulfonic, ascorbinic, cyclohexylsulfamic, fumaric, maleic and benzoic acids. These salts are readily
20 prepared by methods known in the art.

- The (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran possesses a high affinity to the specific subgroup of 5-HT_{1A} receptor in the CNS and acts as an antagonist on that 5-HT_{1A} receptor, and as also shows favourable bioavailability after
25 oral administration.

The composition according to the present invention may exist in one pharmaceutical formulation comprising of (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable
30 salt and/or solvate thereof, and (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-

phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. Alternatively, the composition may exist in two different pharmaceutical formulations, one for (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof and one for (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof. The pharmaceutical formulation may be in the form of tablets or capsules, powders, mixtures, solutions or other suitable pharmaceutical formulation forms such as patches and nasal formulations.

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The composition of the present invention can be prepared ^{such} by that (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is incorporated into the same pharmaceutical formulation as (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof by e.g. mixing in a conventional way.

The present invention also includes a method of improving the onset of therapeutic action by concomitant administration of a composition comprising (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof and (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

A further embodiment of the present invention is a kit containing a dosage unit of (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyrans in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and a dosage unit of (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, optionally with instructions for use.

Pharmaceutical formulations

According to the present invention the compounds in the composition will normally be
5 administered orally, rectally, transdermally, nasally or by injection, in the form of
pharmaceutical formulations comprising the active ingredient either as a free base, a
solvate e.g. a hydrate or a pharmaceutically acceptable non-toxic acid addition salt, e.g. the
hydrochloride, hydrobromide, lactate, acetate, phosphate, sulfate, sulfamate, citrate,
tartrate, oxalate and the like in a pharmaceutically acceptable dosage form. The dosage
10 form may be a solid, semisolid or liquid formulation. Usually the active substances will
constitute between 0.1 and 99% by weight of the formulation, more specifically between
0.5 and 20% by weight for formulations intended for injection and between 0.2 and 50% by
weight for formulations suitable for oral administration.

15 The pharmaceutical formulation comprises the active ingredients, optionally in association
with adjuvants, diluents, excipients and/or inert carriers.

To produce pharmaceutical formulations of the composition of the invention in the form of
dosage units for oral application, the selected compounds may be mixed with a solid
20 excipient, e.g. lactose, saccharose, sorbitol, mannitol, starches such as potato starch, corn
starch or amylopectin, cellulose derivatives, a binder such as gelatin or poly-
vinylpyrrolidone, disintegrants e.g. sodium starch glycolate, cross-linked PVP and cross-
carmellose sodium; and a lubricant such as magnesium stearate, calcium stearate,
polyethylene glycol, waxes, paraffin, and the like, and an antisticking agent such as talc or
25 colloidal silicon dioxide, and then compressed into tablets. If coated tablets are required,
the cores, prepared as described above, may be coated with a polymer known to the man
skilled in the art e.g. HPMC, HC or other cellulose derivatives or PVP, wherein the
polymer is dissolved in water or a readily volatile organic solvent or mixture of organic
solvents. Alternatively, the tablets can be coated with a concentrated sugar solution which
30 may contain e.g. gum arabic, gelatine, talcum, titanium dioxide, and the like. Dyestuffs

may be added to these coatings for instance in order to readily distinguish between tablets containing different active substances or different amounts of the active compounds.

For the formulation of soft gelatin capsules, the active substances may be admixed with e.g. a vegetable oil or polyethylene glycol. Hard gelatine capsules may contain granules of the active substances using any of the above mentioned excipients for tablets e.g. lactose, saccharose, sorbitol, mannitol, starches (e.g. potato starch, corn starch or amylopectin), cellulose derivatives, plasticizers, polyetheneglycole, waxes, lipids or gelatin. Also liquids or semisolids of the drug can be filled into hard gelatin capsules.

Dosage units for rectal application can be solutions or suspensions or can be prepared in the form of suppositories comprising the active substances in a mixture with a neutral fatty base, or gelatin rectal capsules comprising the active substances in admixture with vegetable oil or paraffin oil. Liquid formulations for oral application may be in the form of solutions, syrups or suspensions, for example solutions containing from about 0.2% to about 20% by weight of the active substances herein described, the balance being sugar and a mixture of ethanol, water, glycerol and propylene glycol. Optionally such liquid formulations may contain colouring agents, flavouring agents, saccharin and carboxymethyl-cellulose as a thickening agent or other excipients known to a person skilled in the art.

Solutions for parenteral applications by injection can be prepared in an aqueous solution of a water-soluble pharmaceutically acceptable salt of the active substances, preferably in a concentration of from about 0.5% to about 10% by weight. These solutions may also contain stabilizing agents and/or buffering agents and may conveniently be provided in various dosage unit ampoules.

Suitable daily doses of the active compounds in the composition of the invention in therapeutic treatment of humans are about 0.01-100 mg/kg bodyweight for peroral administration and 0.001-100 mg/kg bodyweight for parenteral administration. The daily

doses of the active ingredient (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof may very well differ from the daily doses of the active ingredient (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof but the doses can also be the same for both of the active ingredients.

Medical and Pharmaceutical Use

In a further aspect the present invention provides the use of the composition of (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof and (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and the use in the treatment of 5-hydroxytryptamine mediated disorders, such as affective disorders. Examples of affective disorders are disorders in the CNS such as mood disorders (depression, major depressive episodes, dysthymia, seasonal affective disorder, depressive phases of bipolar disorder), anxiety disorders (obsessive compulsive disorder, panic disorder with/without agoraphobia, social phobia, specific phobia, generalized anxiety disorder, posttraumatic stress disorder), personality disorders (disorders of impulse control, trichotellomania) and sleep disorders. Other disorders in the CNS such as eating disorders (obesity, anorexia, bulimia), premenstrual syndrome, sexual disturbances, alcoholism, tobacco abuse, autism, attention deficit, hyperactivity disorder, migraine, memory disorders (age associated memory impairment, presenile and senile dementia such as Alzheimer's disease), pathological aggression, schizophrenia, endocrine disorders (e.g. hyperprolactinaemia), stroke, dyskinesia, Parkinson's disease, thermoregulatory disorders, pain and hypertension may also be treated with the combination described herein. Examples of other hydroxytryptamine mediated disorders are urinary incontinence, vasospasm and growth control of tumors (e.g. lung carcinoma) and it may be possible to treat those with the combination described herein as well.

Pharmacology

Potential of the 5 HT_{1A} autoreceptor blocking effect of 5-HT of (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(p-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalan carbonitrile by using of (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran.

Materials and methods

Animals

The studies were carried out in male Sprague-Dawley rats (290-450g; B&K Universal, Sollentuna, Sweden). The animals were housed for at least 3 weeks after arrival until used in the experiments.

Methods

The studies were carried out by means of intra-cerebral microdialysis in awake rats. To assess any putative regional differences between dorsal and median raphe innervated 5-HT projection areas, dialysis probes were simultaneously implanted both into the frontal cortex (FCx) and dorsal hippocampus (DH).

Microdialysis

The rats were anaesthetised with a mixture of ketamine HCl (67 mg/kg intraperitoneal (IP); Ketalar[®], Park-Davis) and xylazine HCl (13 mg/kg IP; Rompun[®], Bayer-Leverkusen). U-shaped microdialysis probes (total dialysis fibre length 4 mm, OD 220µm) were stereotactically implanted in the frontal cortex (FCx) and dorsal hippocampus (DH); probe tips at AP +3.5, ML -3.0, DV -4.2 and -4.3, ML +2.5, DV -4.2, respectively, vs. bregma and dura surface (Paxinos, et al, in The Rat Brain in Stereotaxic Coordinates, 2nd Ed., Academic Press, San Diego (1996)). The microdialysis studies were performed in conscious animals after a 40-48 h recovery period, during which they were kept individually. Food and water were allowed *ad libitum* in the plastic cages subsequently used in the experimental sessions. On the day of the experiment, the probe inlets were

connected to a syringe perfusion pump (CMA/100; CMA Microdialysis AB, Sweden), delivering artificial CSF (Hjorth, S., J. Neurochem. 60:776-779 (1993)) at a speed of 1.3µl/min. Twenty-min dialysate fractions were collected from the probe outlet tubing, and immediately analysed for 5-HT and 5-HIAA by standard HPLC-EC methods. After the
s perfusion was commenced, a period of 2-3 h was allowed to establish stable baseline dialysate levels of 5-HT, prior to drug treatment(s).

CLAIMS

1. A composition comprising of (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable
5 salt and/or solvate thereof, and (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.
2. Use of the composition according to claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament for
10 the treatment of 5-HT mediated disorders.
3. The use according to claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of affective disorders.
- 15 4. The use according to claim 3 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of mood disorders.
5. The use according to claim 4 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of depression.
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6. A method for the treatment of 5-HT mediated disorders by administering to a patient suffering therefrom the composition defined in claim 1.
7. The method according to claim 6 for the treatment of affective disorders.
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8. The method according to claim 7 for the treatment of mood disorders.
9. The method according to claim 8 for the treatment of depression.

10. A method of improving the onset of therapeutic action by concomitant administration of a composition defined in claim 1.
11. A pharmaceutical formulation wherein the active ingredients are those in the
5 composition defined in claim 1, optionally in association with adjuvants, excipients and/or inert carriers.
12. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 11 wherein (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base,
10 or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is concomitantly administered with (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalan carbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.
13. A pharmaceutical formulation according to any one of claims 11-12 for use in the
15 treatment of 5-HT mediated disorders.
14. A pharmaceutical formulation according to any one of claims 11-12 for use in the treatment of affective disorders.
- 20 15. A pharmaceutical formulation according to any one of claims 11-12 for use in the treatment of mood disorders.
16. A pharmaceutical formulation according to any one of claims 11-12 for use in the treatment of depression.
- 25 17. A process for the preparation of the composition according to claim 1 whereby (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is incorporated into the same pharmaceutical formulation as (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-

fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

18. A process for the preparation of the composition according to claim 1 whereby (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is in a one pharmaceutical formulation is combined with (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is in a different pharmaceutical formulation.

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19. A kit containing a dosage unit of (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and a dosage unit of (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, optionally with instructions for use.

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AMENDED CLAIMS

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1. A composition comprising of (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable
5 salt and/or solvate thereof, and (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.
2. Use of the composition according to claim 1 for the manufacture of a medicament for
10 the treatment of 5-HT mediated disorders.
3. The use according to claim 2 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of affective disorders.
- 15 4. The use according to claim 3 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of mood disorders.
5. The use according to claim 4 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment of depression.
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6. The use according to claim 2 in the manufacture of a medicament in the prevention or in the treatment of urinary incontinence.
7. A method for the treatment of 5-HT mediated disorders by administering to a patient
25 suffering therefrom the composition defined in claim 1.
8. The method according to claim 7 for the treatment of affective disorders.
9. The method according to claim 8 for the treatment of mood disorders.
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10. The method according to claim 9 for the treatment of depression.

11. A method according to claim 7 for the prevention or the treatment of urinary incontinence.

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12. A method of improving the onset of therapeutic action by concomitant administration of a composition defined in claim 1.

13. A pharmaceutical formulation wherein the active ingredients are those in the composition defined in claim 1, optionally in association with adjuvants, excipients and/or inert carriers.

14. A pharmaceutical formulation according to claim 13 wherein (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is concomitantly administered with (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(*p*-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

15. A pharmaceutical formulation according to any one of claims 13-14 for use in the treatment of 5-HT mediated disorders.

16. A pharmaceutical formulation according to any one of claims 13-14 for use in the treatment of affective disorders.

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17. A pharmaceutical formulation according to any one of claims 13-14 for use in the treatment of mood disorders.

18. A pharmaceutical formulation according to any one of claims 13-14 for use in the treatment of depression.

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19. A pharmaceutical formulation according to any one of claims 13-14 for use in the treatment of urinary incontinence.

5 20. A process for the preparation of the composition according to claim 1 whereby (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is incorporated into the same pharmaceutical formulation as (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(p-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically
10 acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof.

21. A process for the preparation of the composition according to claim 1 whereby (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is in a one
15 pharmaceutical formulation is combined with (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(p-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof is in a different pharmaceutical formulation.

22. A kit containing a dosage unit of (*R*)-5-carbamoyl-8-fluoro-3-*N,N*-dicyclobutylamino-
20 3,4-dihydro-2*H*-1-benzopyran in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, and a dosage unit of (+)-1-[3-(dimethylamino)propyl]-1-(p-fluorophenyl)-5-phthalancarbonitrile in the form of the free base, or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt and/or solvate thereof, optionally with instructions for use.

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